

**referendum**

[ˌrefəˈrɛndəm] *n* (pl *мж. -da*)  
референдум, народный опрос

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**ref·er·en·dum** [referendum referendums referenda] *BrE* [ˌrefəˈrɛndəm]

*NAmE* [ˌrefəˈrɛndəm] **noun** (pl. **ref·er·en·dums** or **ref·er·enda**) **countable, uncountable** ~ (on sth)

an occasion when all the people of a country can vote on an important issue

- Switzerland decided to **hold a referendum** on joining the EU.
- The changes were approved by referendum.

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from Latin, gerund (referring), or neuter gerundive (something to be brought back or referred) of **referre** 'carry back', from **re-** 'back' + **ferre** 'bring'.

Collocations:**Voting in elections***Running for election*

**conduct/hold** an election/a referendum

(*especially NAmE*) **run for** office/election/governor/mayor/president/the White House

(*especially BrE*) **stand for** election/office/Parliament/the Labour Party/a second term

**hold/call/contest** a general/national election

**launch/run** a presidential election campaign

**support/back** a candidate

**sway/convince/persuade** voters/the electorate

**appeal to/attract/woo/target** (*NAmE*) swing voters/(*BrE*) floating voters

**fix/rig/steal** an election/the vote

*Voting*

**go to/be turned away from** (*especially BrE*) a polling station/(*NAmE*) a polling place

**cast** a/your vote/ballot (for sb)

**vote for** the Conservative candidate/the Democratic party

**mark/spoil** your ballot paper

**count** (*BrE*) the postal votes/(*especially NAmE*) the absentee ballots

**go to/be defeated** at the ballot box

**get/win/receive/lose** votes

**get/win** (60% of) the popular/black/Hispanic/Latino/Muslim vote

**win** the election/(*in the US*) the primaries/a seat in Parliament/a majority/power

**lose** an election/the vote/your majority/your seat

**win/come to power in** a landslide (victory) (= with many more votes than any other party)

**elect/re-elect sb (as)** mayor/president/an MP/senator/congressman/congresswoman

*Taking power*

**be sworn into office/in** as president

**take/administer** (*in the US*) the oath of office

**swear/take** (*in the UK*) an/the oath of allegiance

**give/deliver** (*in the US*) the president's inaugural address

**take/enter/hold/leave** office

**appoint sb (as)** ambassador/governor/judge/minister

**form** a government/a cabinet

**serve** two terms as prime minister/in office

more collocations at ↑[economy](#), ↑[politics](#)

Synonyms:**election**

**vote** • **poll** • **referendum** • **ballot**

These are all words for an event in which people choose a representative or decide sth by voting.

**election** • an occasion on which people officially choose a political representative or government by voting: ▪ Who did you vote for in the last election?

**vote** • an occasion on which a group of people vote for sb/sth: ▪ They took a vote on who should go first.

**poll** • (*journalism*) the process of voting in an election: ▪ They suffered a defeat ▪ at the polls ▪.

**referendum** • an occasion on which all the adults in a country can vote on a particular issue

**ballot** • the system of voting by marking an election paper, especially in secret; an occasion on which a vote is held: ▪ The leader will be chosen by secret ballot.

**Ballot** is usually used about a vote within an organization rather than an occasion on which the public vote.

a **national/local** election/vote/poll/referendum/ballot

to **have/hold/conduct** a(n) election/vote/poll/referendum/ballot

Example Bank:

- California voters passed a referendum allocating \$22 billion for school facilities.
- The Democrats rejected the referendum proposal.

- The agreement was approved in a referendum
- The group called for a referendum on the death penalty.
- The issue will be decided in a national referendum
- The president called a referendum that he hoped would confirm him in power.
- The president won a referendum on his rule.
- The proposals were put to a referendum
- The referendum will be held on July 14th.
- The unions urged people to boycott the referendum
- UN monitors declared the referendum fair.
- a new constitution adopted by referendum
- At times the referendum campaign became quite nasty.
- Referendums are most often held to decide major changes to the constitution.
- The president called a referendum on the new divorce laws.

## referendum

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**ref** **ɪ** **ˈ** **r** **e** **n** **d** **u** **m** /,refə'rendəm/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (plural **referenda** /-də/ or **referendums**)

[uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: Modern Latin; Origin: Latin *referre* ⇒ ↑*refer*]

when people vote in order to make a decision about a particular subject, rather than voting for a person

### referendum on

- a referendum on independence
- The city council agreed to hold a referendum on the issue in November.

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## THESAURUS

- **election** an occasion when people choose a government or leader by voting: the American presidential election | South Africa held its first multi-racial elections in 1994.
- **ballot** /'bælət/ an occasion when the members of an organization vote by marking what they want on a piece of paper, especially to make sure that it is secret: The result of the ballot showed that nurses were not in favour of a strike.
- **referendum** /,refə'rendəm/ an occasion when everyone in a country votes on an important political subject: In the Danish referendum, the people voted 'no' to joining the European single currency.
- **the polls** the process of voting in a political election – used especially in news reports: 4,500,000 voters went to the polls in eight provinces to elect six governors.
- **show of hands** an act of voting informally for something by the people in a group raising their hands: May I have a show of hands from all those in favour of the proposal?

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